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BALLABROOIE,
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BANGALORE.

12th April 1918.

My dear Mirza,

I have sent to Mr. Campbell to-day a further representation regarding the Press Act. You will notice that it is not proposed to interfere with the integrity of the Regulation itself. What is now suggested is a very modest proposal and if graciously sanctioned by His Highness, it will be much appreciated. You cannot ignore the fact that the Press Regulation has met with hostile criticism and the small proposal now made has the merit of satisfying public feeling without seriously weakening the hands of Government in any manner. You are aware no one is criticised in the local Press so much as myself; but I cannot shut my eyes to the fact that the Press Regulation is seriously hindering the increase of newspapers in the country. As it is, the Regulation is so drastic that we cannot use it in ordinary cases. The present proposal has met with the unanimous support of the Council and in my letter of to-day to Mr. Campbel I have suggested further changes calculated to make the proposal even more innocuous.

I would respectfully entreat His Highness to graciously consider my further observations and favour me with his decision.

Yours Sincerely,
M. Visvesvaraya